APPENDIX

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PRESERVATION SUPPLEMENT 72-1

An informal meeting of persons concerned with the conservation of artifacts on paper was held January 25 in the Paper Laboratory of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City. Mrs. Marilyn Weidner presided over the meeting, sponsored jointly by the Paper Research Group of the International Institute for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, American Group (IIC-AG) and the Smithsonian Institution.

The assembled paper conservators reviewed the Seminar on Paper Conservation held last October at the Institute of Paper Chemistry (IPC) in Appleton, Wis., and explored ways of evaluating and improving similar meetings in the future. They also discussed in depth topics covered in the Appleton seminar, among them bleaching methods employing alkaline and acidic compounds, handling techniques and safety considerations in the use of bleaching agents, and problems associated with the removal of bleaching residues. Additional discussions centered around present-day paper deacidification methods, and the effects of acidity on the life of paper.

A continuation of the New York discussions, to be held May 30-31 at the Philosophical Hall, Philadelphia, will cover the advantages and disadvantages of paper deacidification procedures, inlay techniques used in paper repair, plus presentation of an outline of the preservation program in operation at the Library of Congress. The Philadelphia meeting precedes the annual IIC-AG meeting, set for June 1 in Winterthur, Del.

John Williams, Research Officer, and Peter Waters, Restoration Officer, both of the Library's Preservation Office, attended the New York meeting.

The Institute of Paper Chemistry in Appleton, Wis., has developed a series of courses and seminars as part of a program of continuing education for companies who are members of the Institute, and for those persons with related interests. These courses cover a variety of topics of interest not only to paper manufacturers, but also to persons involved in conservation.

The continuing education program offered by IPC begins in April and continues through mid-November, with the seminars ranging in length from three to 18 days. Course titles and dates of particular interest to library materials conservators include

"Analysis of Specks and Deposits," on April 11-13; "Ninth Paper Evaluation Course," on April 24-28; "Twenty-eighth Fiber Microscopy Course," on July 10-21; "Selected Topics in Surface Chemistry," on September 11-15; and "Paper and Fiber Physics," on November 13-17.

For further information and a complete description of these and other courses in the IPC continuing education series, interested persons should address inquiries to T. A. Howells, Director of Continuing Education, The Institute of Paper Chemistry, Appleton, Wis. 54911, tel. (414) 734-9251.